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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
THE DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

SUBJECT: (TS) Assistant for Reconnaissance

Reference the attached Agreement between the Secretary of Defense and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency entitled "Management of the National Reconnaissance Program."

The Under Secretary of the Air Force is hereby designated my Assistant for Reconnaissance, and is delegated full authority for management of this program. In this regard, he will act as my direct representative both within and outside the Department of Defense. He will be given any support that he requires from normal staff elements, although these staff elements will not participate in program matters except as he specifically requests. He will, however, keep pertinent key officials informed on a regular basis on the status of these programs.

Because of the extreme sensitivity of the projects involved in the National Reconnaissance Program, particular care must be taken to protect the security of the arrangements described herein. The existence of the referenced Agreement, its contents, and the organizational implementation employed for its execution are all classified TOP SECRET. This information will not be disclosed to anyone to whom such disclosure is not mandatory in order to carry out actions required by the terms of the referenced Agreement or by my Assistant for Reconnaissance in carrying out his responsibilities in the National Reconnaissance Program.

All Department of Defense satellite or overflight photographic reconnaissance, mapping, geodesy, and electronic signal collection programs will be handled in accordance with the referenced Agreement,

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and existing project assignments will be brought into conformity and present directives will be revised at the earliest date that such action can be taken with plausible overt appearance.

A new public relations policy for satellite launches will be announced as a separate action to minimize political vulnerability of these programs.

Signed:

Robert S. McNamara

1 Att.
Agreement

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